

House Resolution 1426

By: Representative Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Incorporated on its 50th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. (GFIC), founded in
4 1956, is a nonprofit organization established to raise funds for financial aid for students at
5 the member independent colleges and universities; and

6 WHEREAS, GFIC represents 26 independent, nonprofit, liberal arts colleges and universities
7 and spreads the word about the benefits and opportunities at Georgia's independent colleges
8 and universities to high school students and their parents, guidance counselors, and the
9 media; and,

10 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years GFIC has flourished as an organization by developing
11 model scholarship programs that have attracted and retained key corporate, foundation, and
12 individual donors and has raised more than \$34 million since its inception for member
13 colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, approximately 70 percent of the undergraduate students attending the member
15 institutions are benefiting from the scholarship aid and the work that GFIC provides; and

16 WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities provide an exceptional education through
17 small classes, individual attention, professors with a keen awareness of their students'
18 personal interests, close-knit campus communities, and student involvement in university
19 life; and

20 WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities in Georgia have an annual economic
21 impact of \$5.833 billion and support over 81,874 jobs in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, it is fitting to congratulate the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges,
2 Inc. and affiliated corporations and civic leaders for 50 years of outstanding contributions
3 to education.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Foundation of Independent
6 Colleges, Inc. on its 50th anniversary.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Foundation of
9 Independent Colleges, Inc.